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### Accounting for 270,000 jobs in state, agriculture is backbone of Arkansas's economy

Dear Fellow Arkansan,

As we begin a new year, the U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee remains focused on growing good paying jobs and the economy. Your thoughts are important in this effort. Please use this newsletter as a tool to stay updated on the Committee's work and to let me know of your ideas.

I am honored to be the first Arkansan to serve as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. As a seventh-generation Arkansan and farmer's daughter, I know the Committee's importance to our state's economy and am excited about the opportunities this presents for Arkansans to have a stronger voice in Washington on issues critical to the economic well-being of our state.

Agriculture is the backbone of Arkansas' economy, creating more than 270,000 jobs in the state and providing \$9.1 billion in wages and salaries. It is responsible for 16 percent of the State's total labor income and accounts for 11.6 percent of our state's Gross Domestic Product. In total, agriculture contributes roughly \$15.9 billion to the Arkansas economy each year.

While there are many pressing issues facing our state and nation, none are more important to me than moving our economy forward and putting Arkansans in good paying jobs. This week, I traveled across the state for a series of economic development meetings and civic events in Searcy, McCrory, Augusta, Little Rock, Stuttgart, Sheridan, El Dorado, Conway, and Gillett. Meeting and listening to fellow Arkansans is the best part of my job and I always look forward to being home.

I believe that together, with your help, we will use our Chairmanship to improve the lives of all Arkansans.

As always, please feel free to [contact me via the Internet or by phone](#). I look forward to hearing from you.

With Arkansas Pride,

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